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December 17, 2015

Hilda L. Solis, Chair  
Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street, Room 383  
Los Angeles, California 90012

**RE:** LA County Pharmaceuticals and Sharps Collection and Disposal Stewardship Ordinance

Dear Supervisor Solis:

The City of Lakewood supports the drafting and adoption of Los Angeles County's Pharmaceuticals and Sharps Collection and Disposal Stewardship Ordinance.

The proposed ordinance would require the development of Stewardship Plans to address the collection and disposal of unwanted/unused pharmaceuticals and sharps waste generated by residents. The ordinance establishes a sustainably-financed program that will provide residents with a convenient means to safely dispose of unwanted sharps and pharmaceuticals. It would also help prevent them from entering the environment, reduce their availability for drug abuse and misuse, and reduce injuries associated with sharps of being improperly disposed. With access to safe and convenient disposal options, as well as a robust outreach and education program, residents will be more informed of the appropriate collection and disposal methods.

The passage of this ordinance would ensure that manufacturers and producers of prescription and nonprescription drugs and sharps share in the responsibility of proper disposal of their products. Our City supports this shared responsibility approach as the costs of managing these materials at the end of their life should not solely come from local jurisdictions.

Following adoption by the Board, Lakewood is very interested in taking supportive action so that our residents also have access to safe, convenient, and sustainably-financed collection and disposal methods of pharmaceuticals and sharps.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jeff Wood", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

Jeff Wood  
Mayor

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